

I cannot tell you how unhappy I am that the FCC has declared Sinclair Broadcasting's lie-filled "documentary" about John Kerry an example of free speech that cannot be intervened with. Since when is slander protected by the constitution? Regardless of whom I ultimately vote for, I expect media to be held to high standards for honesty and integrity. You should be ashamed of yourself for not promoting this ideal.

Furthermore, Sinclair's decision to force its stations to this air an anti-Kerry documentary is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. When large companies control the airwaves, they air whatever ensures the health of their bank accounts, not what promotes the growth of an informed, intelligent democracy.

Last, this close to an election, I cannot help but perceive a conflict of interest going on here. I have the greatest respect for Colin Powell, but I cannot help but wonder if his son has been lured into making a bad decision on the basis of commitments to the republican party.

Thank you for "listening."